

Branching Out

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Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Director's Update:

We are happy to report that the Board of Trustees is working to update the lower level and repave the lower level and staff parking lots. This will not only correct some problems inside and out, but greatly improve the appearance of the library. We are also discussing updates to the upper level as well. We will keep our patrons informed as the plans progress. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Summer Reading Program a success! We are looking forward to all of the exciting programs that are coming up in the fall.

Also, please consider becoming a member of our Friends of the Library group. This group raises money through book sales to help the library in many ways.

Have a great autumn!

Mary A. Tuytschaevers, Director



Calling for Volunteers...

Do you have a special skill or an interesting story to share? If so, please sign up to be one of our "Living Books"! Volunteers will be 'borrowed' for an hour of conversation and coffee with a patron. Contact the Reference Desk at (708) 687-3700 for more details.

Children's Programs

Bilingual Family Story Time

Monday, Nov. 2nd @ 7:00 pm
All Ages
Come to our entertaining family story times in English and Spanish. Snacks to share. Registration required.



Story Times for Fall Session:

Thursdays, September 17—November 5, 2009

Lapsit (Infants - 2-years-old): 9:30—9:50 OR 10 - 10:20 am.
3 - 5 year-old : 11 - 11:30 am.

Registration is required, beginning September 3, continuing until session is full. You must choose either the 9:30 or 10 am session of Lapsit at registration.

AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS

Tuesdays: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 15 @ 4 pm
Ages 6 and Up

Come on in and make a fun craft after school. Registration is required.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Tuesdays: Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22 @ 7:00 pm, All Ages.

Lets get together for a night of fun, like Bingo, Checkers and board games! Registration is required.

BEDTIME STORY TIMES

Wednesdays: Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 @ 7:00 pm
Up to age 7.

Wear your PJ's for a fun night of stories, songs, and a craft! Registration required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR PROGRAMS, CALL THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT (708) 687-3700.

Haunted Reading Program

October 1 - 31, 2009
All Ages

Register at the Youth Services Desk to get your haunted reading log. Once completed, turn in at the YS desk before Halloween for a prize.

MAGIC MATT'S SPOOKY MAGIC FUN SHOW

Wednesday, Oct. 21st @ 6:30pm, All Ages

Looking for a fun, not scary Halloween activity? Magic Matt will tell spooky tales and perform some magic. Registration required.



Halloween Party

Saturday, October 24th
11 am OR 2 pm
Ages 3-7 with parent

Get dressed up in your costume for a fun party of games, crafts and treats. Must choose one party, registration is required.

Christmas Capers with Dave Herzog's Marionettes

Saturday, December 19th @ 2 pm, All Ages

Join Santa, Frosty and Jingles the elf as they ring in the holiday with their Christmas magic. Registration is required.

REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS START TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND END WHEN THE SESSION IS FULL.

LEGO CLUB

Saturdays: Sept. 12 & Nov. 21, 2009
Ages 6 and up.

We are starting a LEGO Club! Each meeting will have a different theme to create. Registration required. Standard Size LEGO donations welcomed.



Kids DDR Tournament

Saturday, November 14th @ 2 pm
Ages 6-10
Compete against others for prizes!



FAMILY MOVIES:

Monday, October 12th @ 2:30 pm,
All Ages

Come to the library and watch a newly released movie. Refreshments served. Registration is required



TEEN SPOT...

Teen Advisory - TAG:

Fridays: Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Dec. 17 @ 7 pm.

Grades 6 and Up.

Teens interested in volunteering, organizing and having fun! Registration required.

Guitar Hero Tournament - Saturday, September 26th @ 2 pm.
Ages 11 and up. Compete against others for prizes. Registration is required.

Halloween Haunting with William Pack: Thursday, October 8th @ 7 pm.
Teens and Adults. This program is an assortment of spine tingling horror stories, eerie history and inexplicable supernatural feats. Storyteller William Pack brings these tales to life, or at least, *undead*. Registration required.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION, Fridays: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 2009 @ 3:30 pm, Grades 5 and up: Do you love to read? This group is for you! Members pick which books we'll read. Copies of the books will be available at the youth services desk. Snacks will be served.

Adult Programs

Here's a look at some upcoming programs-

- **EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique):** Thursday, September 10th @ 7 pm - Tom Musbaum and Linda Nyberg will introduce EFT, an emotional version of acupuncture without needles. You too can establish a healthy sense of balance.
- **Modern Iran, Ancient Persia:** Saturday, September 19th @ 2 pm - World traveler Bill Helmuth will take you from the marvels of ancient Persia to the reality of modern Iran. Through photographs and stories, you will meet the friendly people and tour magnificent sights of this country.
- **The Quest for the Historical Jesus:** Saturday, September 26th @ 11 am - Join Father Bill Burton for a lively presentation of this fascinating topic! Discover the Jesus of Nazareth utilizing only the tools of investigation of modern historians.
- **Don't pay the College Sticker Price!:** Thursday, October 1st @ 7 pm - CPA Joe Orsolini will discuss how to get the most out of the financial aid system while exploiting tax-saving opportunities.
- **Silk Road:** Saturday, October 17th @ 7 pm - Stretching from China across Central Asia, the Silk Road has been used to transport goods and ideas for thousands of years! Discover the rich tapestries and landscapes that fill this ancient world.
- **Job Search Workshop:** Thursday, October 29th @ 7 pm - Optimize your job search and find out what makes a good job candidate. Registration is required for this program. Sponsored by Moraine Valley Community College.
- **Newell's Antique Appraisal:** Thursday, November 19th @ 7:00 pm - Back by popular demand, local antique dealer Rex Newell will appraise your hand-held antiques. The first forty Acorn Library cardholders to sign up can have 1 item appraised.

Most adult programs are FREE. To R.S.V.P or for more information, please contact the circulation desk @ (708) 687-3700

Programs for the Holidays-

- **Halloween Haunting:** Thursday, October 8th @ 7 pm - Prepared to be scared and join us for an assortment of spine-tingling horror stories, eerie history and inexplicable supernatural feats!
- **Veterans Day Films:** Thursday, November 11th @ 7 pm - *The Enemy Below*. In honor of Veterans Day, we're showing movies about the World War II experience.
- **Veterans Day Films:** Saturday, November 14th @ 12 pm - *Saving Private Ryan*. This film is rated R for intense prolonged realistically graphic sequence of war violence, and for language.
- **The Legend of St. Nicholas:** Saturday, December 5th @ 2pm - Dressed as Father Christmas, we will hear festive tales that explain the influence this 4th century bishop has had on the many traditions of the holiday season.
- **Christmas Cookies Made Easy:** Thursday, December 10th @ 7pm - Susan Powell will teach us some tricks and tips for quick easy homemade cookies using only three ingredients! Lots of samples. *Registration required.*
- **Holiday Open House:** Saturday, December 12th - Stop by for refreshments on both levels, music, and good cheer! Singer Stephen Zahradnik will perform at 2 pm, and Ringers Rock and the Glory Ringers will be roving the library from 3:30 until closing.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: We are currently looking for volunteers to be in the Friends of the Library Group and on the Friends Board. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Circulation Desk at (708) 687-3700.

COMPUTER CLASSES: Acorn continues to offer ongoing computer classes at many levels. The fee is \$5 per class. To sign up for classes or for more information, please stop by the Circulation Desk .

Book Discussion: An adult book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm here at the library. Readers share their insights into different books. Once a title is selected the library gathers copies for the members to read. New members are always welcome.

MUSE: Want to try your hand at writing? Then this is your group. They meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Events include guest writers and contests.



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Friends of the Library:

1st Annual "Holiday Craft Fair"

Saturday, November 7, 2009

9 am - 3 pm

For more information or to obtain a crafter's applications , please contact Linda at (708)687-1912

Used Book Sale

Saturday, October 10, 2009

9 am - 3 pm

**GREAT DEALS ON BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS,
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Special preview will be on Friday, October 9th from
3 - 5 pm for Friends members who show their
membership card at the door.**

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